



### **EPA Update on Hillcrest Fire Response**

Thursday, October 4, 2012

Efforts to put the fire out at the Hillcrest Industries facility in Attica, New York continue going well. Since work began Saturday, September 29, 2012, over 20,200 cubic yards of material has been moved and cooled. It is estimated that this accounts for about a third of the entire pile. The work is progressing toward the hottest part of the pile. Materials being handled today are at about 750 degrees, up from the estimated 180 degrees in the area of the face where work started. The EPA continues to see some pockets of open flame, which are quickly extinguished before the material is cooled and moved.

The work is being conducted in a 12 hour daytime shift. Smoke and fumes remain under control, odor remains a nuisance and there is visible steam from the piles. Results of real time monitoring show levels of volatile organic compounds show that levels of VOCs are mostly not detectable or are very low. Lab results of sampling for polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, which are by-products of burning and are known as PAHs, all came back not detectable. The EPA will continue its work until the fire is entirely out. The Agency will also continue to monitor the air.

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